



NETWORK SPECIALISTS INC.

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Attorney General John Ashcroft
US Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20530

Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I am writing you today to voice my opinion in regards to the Microsoft settlement issue. I am happy to see your office reach a settlement after such little time given the preceding administrations actions.

Microsoft has generated standards where there were none. The United States would not be the dominant player that it is in this arena without the de facto standards created by Microsoft. Although the remedies in the settlement may not be perfect, breaking this company up would be the wrong answer. Uniform pricing requirements (please!) and non-retaliation agreements beat dissolution any day. I believe we should let this company move forward and focus on business. Let the cry babies work instead of relying on an inherently inefficient system to help them compete.

I feel it will serve in the best public interest to end litigation against Microsoft. Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

Erich Schoen

cc: Representative J. Dennis Hastert